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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...allow for the introduction, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Only to indicate that Senator Warner explained the process and to reaffirm his statement that this is not by anybody's description the solution, but rather, as Senator Warner indicated, the beginning of a process. And I would hope the body would allow for the rule suspension. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. I also rise to support the amendment. I think the body has to realize that this is a concept that the Revenue Committee thinks will work. I think everybody realizes that we have to do something. To do nothing is not acceptable. I think there's going to be some referendums on the ballot if we do nothing, and hopefully this will give the taxpayers and the voters an alternative, something that will be fiscally sound, that we'll know exactly where the dollars are going to come from and who they're going to come from and where they're going to be going. So I think it's going to be a good amendment. We need to have the hearings. We need to take that first step to property tax relief in this state. It's past due, something has to happen, and I think this is a way to go about it that we can have a solution, hopefully, to some type of property tax relief in this state. So I would urge the body to support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I appreciate what Senator Warner and the Revenue Committee are trying to do here to address the long-standing concern about property taxes. But let me also, I'm going to ask some questions of Senator Warner. But let me also express that the process, that's one thing, but this as a particular proposal is